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TOPIC Military Information from the Lieberose Training Grounds

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 7 August to 4 September 1953

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

REFERENCES sketch with legend

PAPERS [REDACTED] PAPERS [REDACTED] DATE [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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25X1X [REDACTED] 1. Troops and materiel detrained in Lieberose between 12 and 14 August 1953 25X1B included:

25X1B [REDACTED] 12 T-34/85 tanks, 12 x 122-mm howitzers, 15 trucks [REDACTED] and 12 boxcarloads of troops and equipment on 12 August;

25X1B 8 T-34/85 tanks, 8 x 122-mm rocket launchers, [REDACTED] 25X1B 8 trucks, [REDACTED] and 10 boxcarloads of troops and equipment on 13 August;

25X1B about 8 to 10 tanks and 12 to 15 trucks, occupied by troops, at about 3 p.m. 25X1 on 14 August; and 12 tanks, about 20 trucks, [REDACTED]

25X1B [REDACTED] and 12 boxcarloads of troops at about 11 p.m. 25X1B on 14 August. All shipments had arrived from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder.

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2. On 4 September, about 800 workers were employed at the barracks installations, which were under construction east of Drachhausen. Work was to be performed in two shifts, beginning the following week. On 3 August, 10 new trucks, which were to replace the 15 trucks previously employed there [REDACTED] 25X1 and arrived

25X1B from Wunsdorf. Between 10 August and 4 September, a large box containing electrical equipment for the buildings under construction was detrained at the Peitz railroad station. The box had arrived from the direction of Dresden-Radebeul [REDACTED]

3. Workers stated that, on 4 September, Camp Forst Tauer was occupied by about 8,000 troops. Construction work was still under way. 25X1

25X1X [REDACTED] 4. On 2 September, a column of two-man armored scout cars [REDACTED] 25X1 and numerous trucks, including 20 towing mortars and about 15 towing 25X1 guns, which [REDACTED] were T guns, passed through Beeskow, coming from the

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direction of Drachhausen and proceeding toward Trebatsch-Luebben.

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- 25X1 [] 5. [] a large barracks installation 25X1
 was under construction in the Peitz Forest, about 2 kilometers north 25X1B
 of Drachhausen and about 300 meters west of the Beeskow-Peitz road.

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- 25X1B 6. On 14 August, an exercise of a combined-arms unit, including tanks, [] several senior artillery officers and officers of the armored command, arrived at these positions. Beginning at 5 a.m. on 15 August, firing of artillery and tanks was heard in the training area. On 26 August, neither firing practices nor any other training was observed in the Jamlitz-Staakow-Leeskow training area. A column of about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 3 mortars and 4 light machine guns was seen on the Leeskow-Staakow road, coming from the direction of the training area. On 26 August, the field bakery at Jamlitz, as well as the troop camp on Schwansee (lake), north of the Jamlitz-Staakow road, were still unoccupied.¹

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- [] 7. At about 6 p.m. on 7 August, 15 guns, [] were 152-mm gun howitzers, and 15 trucks were loaded on 15 flatcars; 4 x 300-mm rocket launchers on 4 flatcars, 3 trucks on 3 flatcars, and an undetermined number of troops on 3 boxcars and coaches at the Peitz railroad station. The shipment left toward Frankfurt/Oder

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1. [] Comment.

[] These shipments passing through Muellrose. [] Information contained in paragraph 6 tends to indicate that the movements were made in connection with the exercises southeast of Lieberose, which started on 14 August. The units are rather safely believed to have returned to Frankfurt/Oder on 23 August []

[] This observation accounts for the light occupation of the Jamlitz area on 26 August, []

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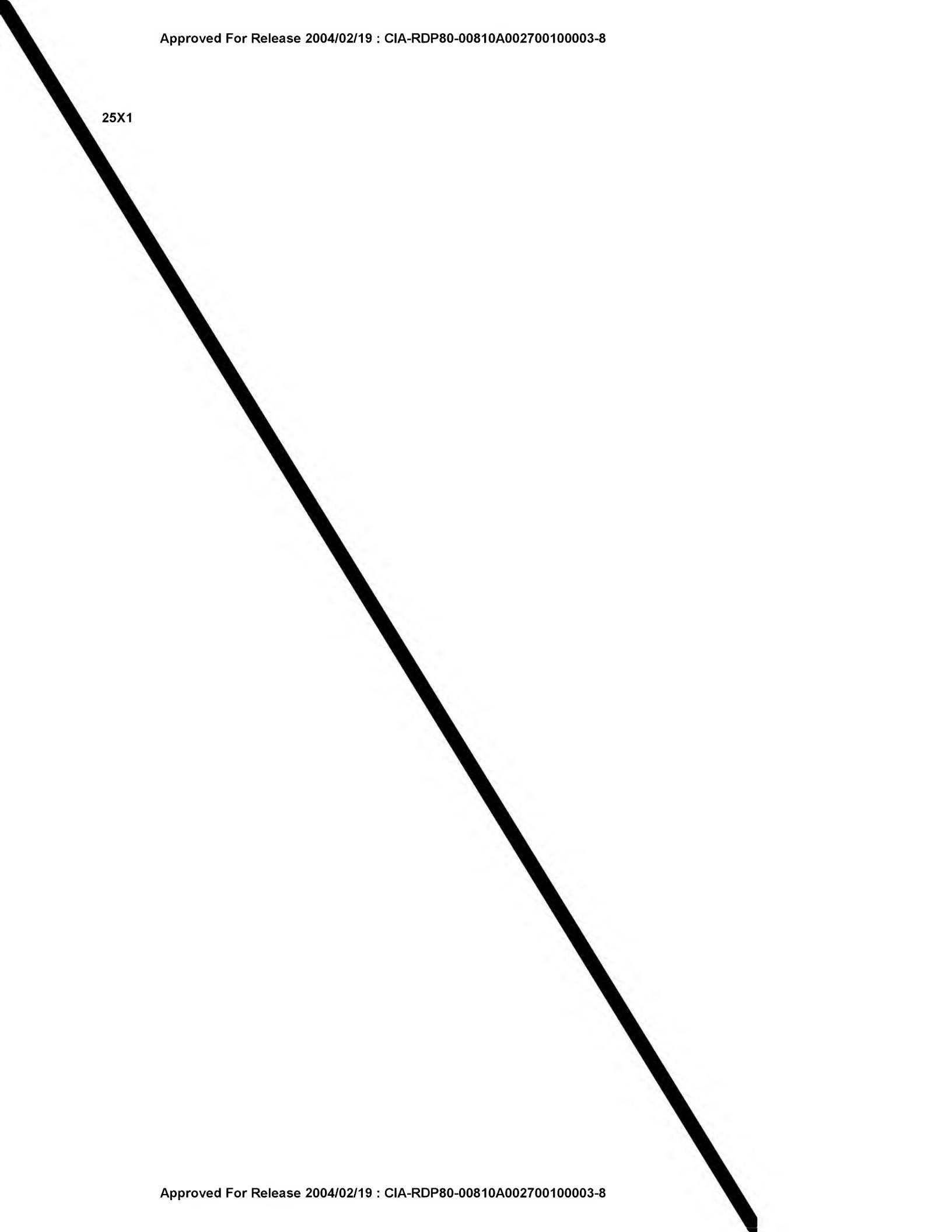
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2. [] Comment. Beginning in May 1953, [] the 25X1 barracks installations under construction in the Drachhausen area. The attached sketch, scale 1:25,000, made on the basis of the information [] of the present report, tends to indicate that two 25X1 different installations were under construction, one north and one east of Drachhausen. For details, see Legend of the sketch. []

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Legend:

N Barracks installation north of Drachhausen

- 1 24 two story billets, each about 60 x 10 meters, with 21 windows in front and three windows on the side.
- 2 guard tent
- 3 tent, 20 x 10 meters
- 4 field railway

O Barracks installation east of Drachhausen

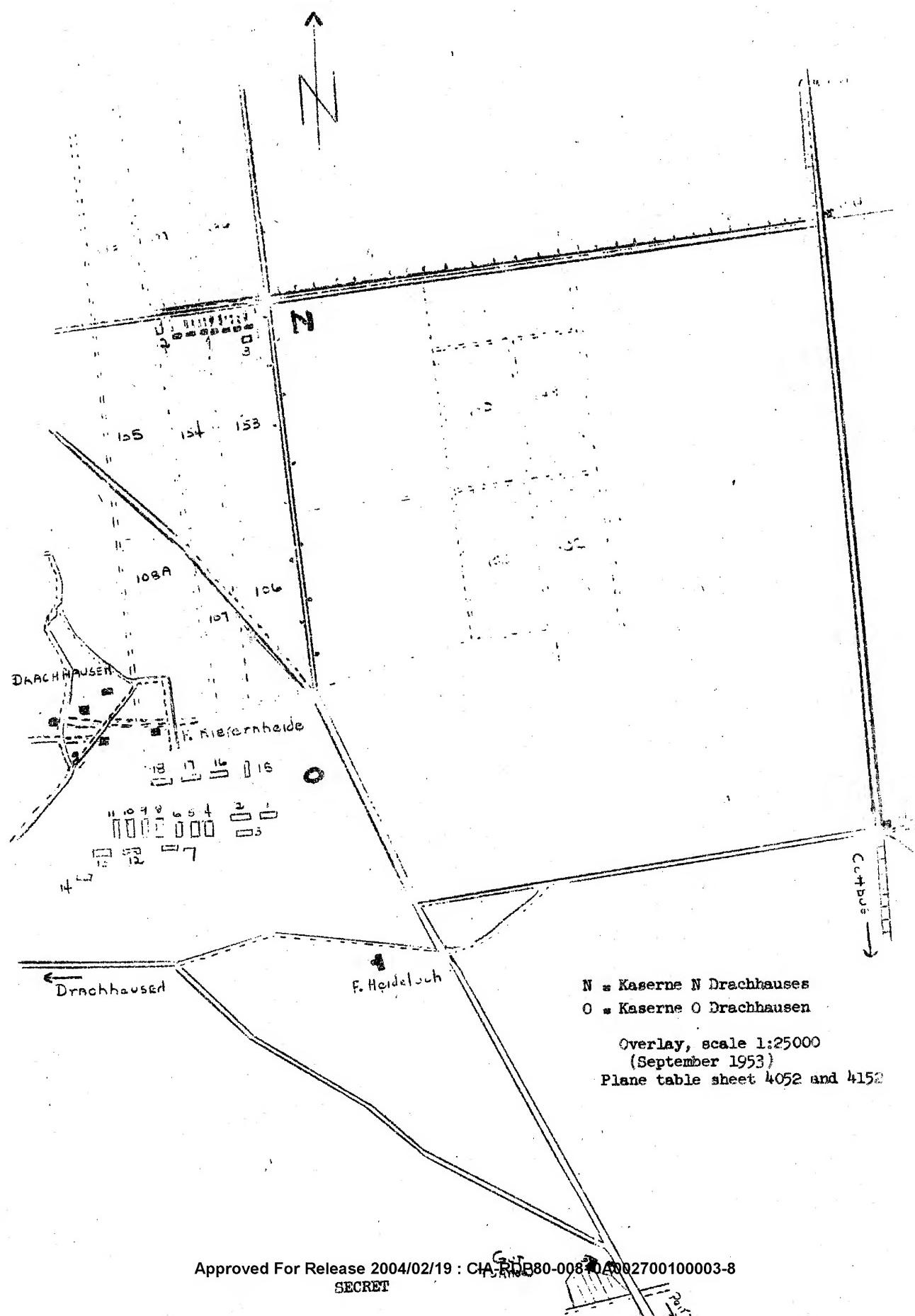
- 1 guardhouse
- 2 headquarters building
- 3 transformer station
- 4-7 two-story EM quarters
- 8-11 two-story officers' billets
- 12 mess and kitchen building
- 13 dispensary
- 14 showers
- 15 workshop, 80 meters long.
- 16-18 garages, each 40 meters long, with concrete base and wooden superstructure

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